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In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 10 as follows.

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Figs. 2A and 2B are a flow chart of an illustrative embodiment of Act 6 of Fig. 1;

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 11 as follows.

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Figs. 3A and 3B are a flow chart of an illustrative embodiment of Act 14 of Fig. 1;

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 23 as follows:

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Figs. 2A and 2B are a flow chart of an illustrative embodiment of Act 6, where the first block coding scheme is 8B/10B.

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